

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 8 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 to 3, 5, 7 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Switall (US 4,637,341). Claims 4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Switall in view of Gnuechtel et al. (US 5,075,128).

Fig. 1 and the specification has been amended. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended, and the withdrawn method claims canceled without prejudice.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 112 Rejections

Claims 1 to 8 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The claims have been amended for proper antecedent basis and to recite a cooling roll as shown in Fig.1. Fig. 1 has been amended to show a printing unit described in the specification.

Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1 to 8 and 11 is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

Claims 1 to 3, 5, 7 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Switall (US 4,637,341).

Switall shows two separate concentrate supply tanks 16 and 18.

The present invention claims a buffer tank for the reservoir, which is not the same as the separate tanks of Switall. To clarify this feature, claims 1 and 11 have been amended to recite: "a buffer tank for the silicone oil concentrate separated from the mixing tank, the buffer tank receiving the silicone oil concentrate from the reservoir" as described for example at [0037].

Switall does not have a concentrate connection between the two tanks 16 and 18.

Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1 to 3, 5, 7 and 11 is respectfully requested.


35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

Claims 4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Switall in view of Gnuechtel et al. (US 5,075,128). In view of the above comments with respect to claim 1, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 4 and 6 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

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Amendments to the Drawings

Please approve the changes to Fig. 1, which adds a generic description of a printing unit to support claim 11. Support is found in paragraph [0003] and [0033] for example.